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In re Patent Application of

Masato NISHIKAWA et al.

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Filed: September 19, 2005

Examiner: EGWIM, Kelechi Chidi

For: **AUXILIARY FOR FORMING FINE PATTERN AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME**

AMENDMENT

November 14, 2008

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Attached:
Amendment - 6 Pages
Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) - 1 Page
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Dear Examiner,

This is in response to the official action mailed July 14, 2008. Claim 3 has been amended. The response contains a complete set of claims and a remarks section.

Restriction was required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372 to one of the following inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-3 and 6-16, drawn to a modified polyvinyl alcohol and a crosslinkable auxiliary comprising the same;

Group II: Claims 4, 5 and 17-19, drawn to a method of producing a modified polyvinyl alcohol.

Since the response requires an election of claims, the applicants hereby elect Group I and claims 1-3 and 6-16 for prosecution on the merits without traverse.

A 1 month extension of time is also being requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account 50-3309 \$120 for the extension of time. The Commissioner is also authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-3309.